1. A device, for quantitatively collecting, preserving and mailing a specimen of material for later analysis, which comprises:

a tubular vessel having a first closed end defining at least one sealed access port, a second open end opposite said first end and a transversal septum in a median portion of said vessel, said septum dividing said vessel into a first chamber sealed by said closed end and a second chamber accessible through said second end, said septum further having an axial passageway therethrough defining a given cross-sectional geometry;

a stopper shaped and dimensioned to close said open end;

a stick projecting axially from said stopper into said vessel and including a sample-holding distal portion extending through said passageway and into said first chamber when said stopper is secured upon said open end; and

a cover releasably occluding said sealed access port.

2. The device of Claim 1, wherein a section of said stick extending through said passageway has a cross-sectional geometry substantially symmetrical with said given cross-sectional geometry;

whereby said passageway is sealed by said section.

3. The device of Claim 2, wherein said distal portion comprises an oblong cylindrical member dimensioned to intimately engage through said passageway.

4. The device of Claim 3, wherein said member has surface indentations.

5. The device of Claim 4, wherein said indentations consist of an helicoidal thread..

6. The device of Claim 2, wherein said sealed access port comprises an end-breakable hollow nib.

7. The device of Claim 2, wherein the open end of said vessel and said stopper have cooperating screw threads.

8. The device of Claim 6, which further comprises a cover shaped and dimensioned to cap said closed end and nib.

9. The device of Claim 8, wherein the open end of said vessel and said cover have cooperating screw threads.

10. The device of Claim 2, which further comprises a liquid in said first chamber.

11. The device of Claim 10, wherein said first chamber is doubly sealed at opposite ends.

12. The device of Claim 1 which further comprises an outer transport capsule sized and shaped to fully enclose said vessel, stopper, and cover.

13. The device of Claim 12, wherein said capsule comprises a matable pair of open-ended cylindrical cups, wherein each of said cups comprises a closed end and a resilient pad mounted upon an inner surface of said closed end.

14. The device of Claim 12, wherein said capsule comprises a substantially cylindrical cup and an end cap.

15. The device of Claim 14, wherein said end cap comprises:

a hollow frusto-conical spring pedestal having an outer surface shaped and dimensioned to penetrate a substantially cylindrical hole in an outer surface of said stopper.

16. The device of Claim 1, which further comprises an oblong handle having a tip sized to releasably mount said stopper thereon.

17. The device of Claim 16, wherein said handle further comprises a first member slidingly mounted to a second member.

18. The device of Claim 16, wherein said handle further comprises at least two coaxially telescoping members.

19. The device of Claim 16, wherein said handle in a collapsed configuration is sized to be enclosed within said capsule.

20. The device of Claim 1, which further comprises an amount of desiccant located in said second chamber.

21. The device of Claim 1, wherein said sealed access port is releasably sealed by a plug.

22. The device of Claim 21, wherein said plug is threaded to releasably engage said first closed end having cooperative threads.

23. The device of Claim 21, wherein said plug comprises a machine graspable outer surface.

24. The device of Claim 2, wherein said machine graspable outer surface comprises a faceted surface.

25. The device of Claim 1, wherein said vessel has a tapered outer surface.

26. The device of Claim 25, wherein said tapered outer surface is oriented to create a first axially medial surface portion having a narrower axial cross-section than a second axially medial surface portion.

27. The device of Claim 26, wherein said second axially medial surface portion is located closer to said first closed end than said first axially medial surface portion.

28. The device of Claim 25, wherein said tapered outer surface has a substantially frustro-conical shape.

29. A device, for quantitively collecting, preserving and mailing a specimen of fecal or other biological matter for later analysis, which comprises a tubular vessel having a narrow channel section and first and second opposite ends;

a stopper shaped and dimensioned to close said first end;

a stick extending from said stopper into said vessel and through said narrow channel section;

said stick comprising a distal end having indentations and being sized to closely engage said narrow channel;

a plug shaped and dimensioned to close said second end; and

a cover releasably capping said second end and said plug.

30. A method for quantitively collecting a specimen of biological matter which comprises:

dipping the indented distal end of a stick into said matter;

inserting said distal end into a vessel through an aperture shaped and dimensioned to intimately and circumferentially contact said distal end;

whereby excess collected matter on the surface of said distal end outside said indentations are kept out of said vessel by passage of said distal end through said aperture; and

introducing into said vessel a measured volume of specimen-preserving fluid.

31. The method of Claim 30, wherein said method further comprises:

keeping said excess collected matter in a chamber adjacent to said vessel.

32. The method of Claim 31, wherein said keeping comprises:

allowing said excess collected matter to dry.

33. The method of Claim 32, wherein said keeping further comprises:

drying said excess collected matter in the presence of a desiccant.